



Rep. Jesse Young, R-Gig Harbor



Jesse Young represents the 26th District and was appointed to the House in 2014 to fill the seat vacated by Jan Angel, who was elected to the Senate. He went on to earn a full term after winning the 2014 election. With unrivaled attention to detail, Jesse brings an innovative and unique skillset to the Legislature and has quickly established himself as a thought-leader among his colleagues.

Raised in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood, Jesse's childhood was marked by periods of homelessness and poverty. Through hard work, a trait he learned from his mother, Jesse went on to have a highly successful career at Woodrow Wilson High School in Tacoma where he graduated with a 4.0 GPA. In addition to being named Valedictorian of his graduating class, Jesse was also honored by the Washington State Legislature as a Washington State Scholar in 1995

Upon graduation, Jesse was accepted into the University of Notre Dame. Throughout his time at Notre Dame, Jesse was a committed student-athlete, competing with the Fighting Irish Track & Field team as a varsity pole vaulter while also working in the dining hall to pay for his education. In 1999, Jesse earned a bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems (BBA-MIS) from the distinguished Mendoza College of Business within the University.

Jesse's career as an IT consultant has put him in the board room of major corporations, both nationally and internationally. Relying on the lessons he learned in the high-paced technology sector, Jesse has developed a knack for problem solving which he has put to use in the Legislature.

As a member of the House Transportation Committee, Rules Committee, and Technology and Economic Development Committee, Jesse has a solutions-oriented reputation. His priorities include bold reforms to tackle the issues facing the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, developing policies to foster economic development in the 26th District and entire state, and fully funding K-12 education so students and teachers have the resources they need to be successful.

Growing up in the Puget Sound region, Jesse has always had a strong appreciation for military veterans. He has long been a proactive supporter of veteran causes and continues to seek ways to ensure they have the necessary resources both during their service and when they transition back to civilian life. Furthermore, as an economic driver and

nationally strategic base, Jesse feels it is a major priority to protect and foster growth for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton.

Jesse is married to his high school sweetheart, Jennie. Married for 17 years, they reside in Gig Harbor and have five children. Together they are active in several community organizations and events including local Rotary, Communities in Schools, Chamber, and Navy League functions.